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Supplemental Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 09/673,612

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are all the claims pending in the application. Following the issuance of an Advisory Action on December 13, 2005, claims 1-3 and 7-8 remain rejected. Claims 4-6 and 9-29 are objected to but would be allowable if placed into independent form. In accordance with the discussions with the Examiner on January 17, 2006, Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 1-3, 7 and 8 and has placed claims 4, 10, 11, 14 and 20 into independent form. Since these claims were indicated as being allowable, all of claims 4-6 and 9-29 should be allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

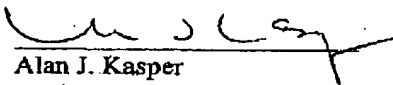
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